GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4420 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2021

DISCONTINUATION OF NSSF LOAN TO FCI

4420. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY: SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH: SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to discontinue the National Small Saving Fund (NSSF) Loan to FCI for Food Subsidy and the Budget Provisions have been made accordingly; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and views of States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in this regard?

A N S W E R MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, in the para 143 of Budget Speech 2021-22, it has been proposed to discontinue the National Small Saving Fund (NSSF) Loan to Food Corporation of India (FCI) for food subsidy and accordingly budget provisions have been made in Revised Estimate (RE) 2020-21 and Budget Estimate(BE) 2021-22. For food subsidy to FCI, budget provision has been increased to Rs.3,44,077 crore in RE 2020-21 from BE 2020-21 of Rs.77,983 crore. In BE 2021-22, budget allocation of Rs.2,02,616 crore has been made for this purpose. NSSF loan is given by the Government of India to FCI only and not to the State Governments per se.

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